

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

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August 29, 2021

10:00 am

Lectionary 22

Pastor Michael Frye, Interim Pastor

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

GREETING

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

silence is kept for reflection

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Michael

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A reading from Deuteronomy

1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. 6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God

is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children--

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15 (Read responsively)

1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

3 who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honor those who fear the LORD;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

5 who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

A reading from James

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act — they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

**C: Alleluia,
Lord, to whom shall we go,
You have the words of eternal life,
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

1 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, 2 they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. 3 (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; 4 and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) 5 So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" 6 He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

8 You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

14 Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

21 For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, 22 adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

C: Glory to you O Lord

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Michael

HYMN OF THE DAY Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: hear our prayer.
C: Amen.

ANTHEM

You Are My King

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

P: Come to the table of the Lord to receive this holy and precious gift of life.

BLESSING

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, The God of Heaven

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praises everlasting ring!
- 2 God be praised for grace and favor
to our forebears in distress.
God be praised, the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious is God's faithfulness!
- 3 Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish,
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, as mortals rise and perish,

God endures unchanging on.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the great Eternal One!

4 Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.
Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927-2005

DISMISSAL

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Michael W. Frye
Karyn Dalton
Steve & Gideon Sousley
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Mike Faggart
Gideon Sousley
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Altar Guild
Crucifer
Lector
Ushers
Vocalists
Accompanists
Sound Tech
Streaming Tech
Power Point
Tellers

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by: Ron and Nancy Wilcox in honor of their 58th anniversary and in honor of their three children: Kris, Beth and Kevin.

Announcements

Beginning September 12, early worship will begin at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary, Sunday School begins at 10:00 AM, and the Alive Worship service begins at 10:55 AM in the fellowship hall.

Church Work Day



September 11th

8:30 am until ...

Contact Danny Garmon

For more details

WELCA will be meeting September 2 @ 10 am and 6:30 pm for Devotion/Bible Study in the Coffee House. Our quarterly meeting will be September 12th @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall. We will be doing election of officers, along with other business so please attend. Please bring a dish to share. Covid protocol will be followed. Thank you...

A.T. ALLEN SCHOOL DRIVE...August 1 - September 12, 2021...Supplies will be delivered to the school on Monday, September 13th.

No pencils or notebook paper are needed this year.

Teachers have requested the following items:

Black/white marble composition books instead of notebook paper.

Crayola crayons (24 pack)

Kleenex

Plastic rectangular pencil boxes

Lysol wipes, hand sanitizer, paper towel

glue sticks

dry erase markers

Crayola markers

BOOK BAGs are welcomed but NOT rolling bags

The Men in Mission will resume meetings on **Tuesday, September 14th** at 7 pm at the Parkway House on South Union St, Concord. The meeting is informal, and all men are invited to attend. If you do not wish to have dinner, come, and have a cup of coffee and join in the discussion with us.

CCM Needs for SEPTEMBER

CANNED VEGETABLES such as CORN, CARROTS, MIXED VEGETABLES & PEAS
TOILET TISSUE

CANS OF DICED TOMATOES

PORK & BEANS and cans of BAKED BEANS

CANNED CHICKEN

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

And, of course, the normal needs of pet food, diapers and plastic bags

Altar flower donations. We have open vases in the coming weeks. Please consider signing up for a vase (or two). Each vase is \$27. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040a4bafaa2falfd0-2021>. Call Linda if you need assistance.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School, each Sunday at 9:00 am in the Coffee House.
Contact Ron Smith for more information.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, each week at 9:00 am in the Children's Building.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL will meet with Zach Fox in the conference room.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: 7:00 pm - contact the office for sign in information.

DEADLINE for September NEWSLETTER: Monday, August 30th

Prayers

Homebound: Bob Chertok, Junior Barringer

In Special Facilities: Jeanine Woody (First Assembly Assisted Living), Peggy Morgan (5 Oaks Manor), Sylvia Faggart (Concord Place), John Thompson

Continued Prayers for: Dan Gleason, Lisa McKinnon, Darrell McKinnon, JJ Brava, Julia Cox, Kach Boyden, Tom Kennedy, Johnny Thompson, Calvin Fletcher, Chad Hamilton's sister Heather, Nancy Wilcox, Karyn Dalton, Marie Grochoske, Pr. Larry Yoder, Barry Granda, Edna Stafford, Phil (Annette York's father), the family of Carl Davis, Beth Deal's father.

On Sep 5, 2021, we will have a fresh start with the Continue Prayers requests shown above. Please contact the church office if you would like to have someone remain on the list or add a new name.

Attendance	August 22, 2021
Adult SS	19
VBS	5 kids/3 adults/1 senior
Youth Trip	22
Worship	49
YouTube Views	21

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We're Going Back To School



WATCH FOR KIDS AND BUSES